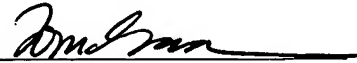


REMARKS

An early action on the merits and a Notice of Allowance in the present patent application are respectfully requested.

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